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Timely Tidbits ...

Airport Noise Meeting

A public meeting will be held in the Romulus City Council chambers at Romulus City Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, to give residents an opportunity to learn more about, and voice their concerns regarding, Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Neighborhood Compatibility Program (NCP).

Chief among the topics which Airport representatives will discuss will be the Sound Insulation Program and other issues related to aircraft noise and the NCP.

Used-book Sale Benefits Public Library

If two of your favorite things are a book and a bargain, you won't want to miss the Romulus Friends of the Library Club's upcoming used-book sale, to be held at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 20; Tuesday, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; and Thursday, April 23; and again from 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25 ("bag day"—extra discounts).

Local residents are also asked to scan their home libraries for books (either hardback or paperback, in good condition) to donate. Books may be dropped off at the Library during its regular business hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.

Dinner Benefits Wick

The Wick Elementary School Parent Support Group is sponsoring a Community Spaghetti Dinner (to be held at Romulus High School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29) to raise money for new playground equipment at the School. Featured fare will include spaghetti/mostaccioli, salad, roll, coffee/beverage, and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at Wick or by calling 729-7307 or 728-9562. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and \$3.50 for children five to 12; kids four and under get in free. □

Romulus, Taylor, County Win Under Democrat Plan for Road Funding, Says Basham

State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) recently endorsed a House Democratic plan which would bring more than \$4.5 million in Federal road funding to Wayne County.

"This plan provides much-needed fairness in the distribution of Federal road funding," Basham said. "For years, local communities have watched their roads crumble while the State has taken almost all of the Federal gas-tax money. Our plan would distribute the funds equitably."

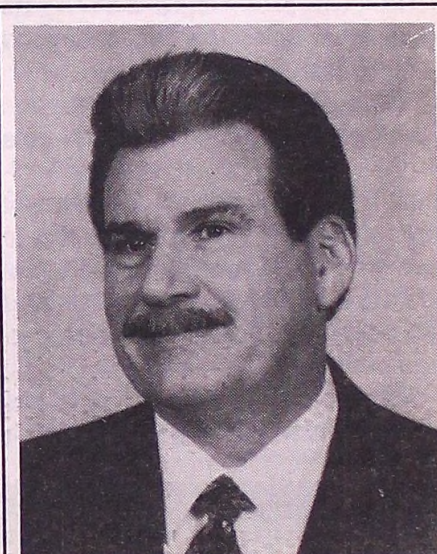
Under the Democratic plan, dubbed FAIRPLAY, the City of Romulus would receive \$80,212 and the City of Taylor would get \$228,446; Wayne County would receive \$4,210,947. These funds would be in addition to any regular State and Federal aid that the County and cities would receive under the budget agreement to be worked out this summer between the Legislature and the Governor.

"FAIRPLAY means fair pay," said Basham. "For the first time, local communities would have direct access to a pot of Federal money for road repairs."

Federal highway aid is usually distributed according to a "75% to the State/25% to local road agencies and regional task forces" formula. However, that 25% doesn't always work its way into every local community which needs funding to fix its roads, the Representative explained.

FAIRPLAY targets \$90 million in Federal aid, and channels it into the formula used to distribute State gas-tax revenue. Counties would receive 39.1% and cities and villages would share 22.8%. This would result in a \$55 million financial windfall, which, according to Basham, would be divided by every county road commission, and nearly every city and village in Michigan.

"Federal aid doesn't do Romulus or Taylor any good if the State spends it



Representative Ray Basham

somewhere else," Basham said. "This plan guarantees Wayne County a piece of the Federal pie and sends dollars to the local level, where they'll do the most good." □

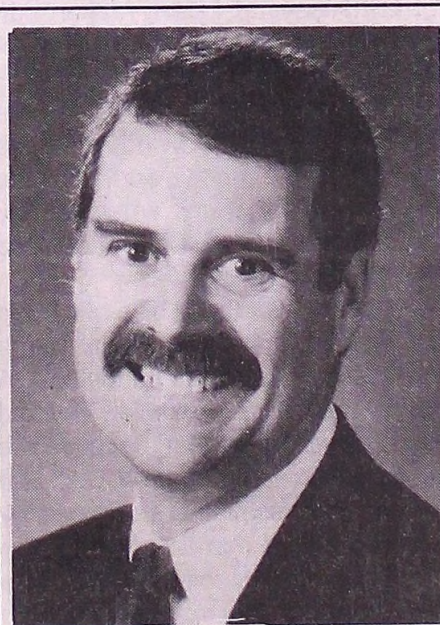
Opposition Raised to Bill Requiring "Thumb Imaging"

Protecting Michigan taxpayers and helping welfare recipients become self-sufficient is the goal of legislation recently passed by the Michigan Senate, according to Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township). But Senate Bill (SB) 957, which requires thumb imaging of individuals applying for cash assistance in order to prevent duplication of benefits, faces serious opposition in the Michigan House of Representatives.

"This legislation attempts to identify fraud in the welfare system and correct it," Senator Bennett said. "The intent is not to punish welfare recipients, but to protect working families and empower people in need."

"It is important that hard-working individuals know that their tax dollars are not being spent irresponsibly," he continued. "We must work to break the cycle of welfare dependency and ensure that individuals who really need help are getting help."

However, opponents of the bill see it as a move that would punish the honest majority of assistance recipients by putting them through an unneces-



Senator Loren Bennett

sarily humiliating procedure, and deter requests for help from those who have a legitimate need.

The bill is currently before the House Committee on Human Services and Children, from which it is not expected to emerge. □

Deadline Approaches for No-fee Sale Permit

Back by popular demand is the annual "City-wide No-fee Yard Sale," recently approved by the Romulus City Council.

This year's free yard-sale permits for Romulus households are good for four days: Thursday, May 28, through Sunday, May 31. (If two out of the four dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 4, through June 7.)

In order to give the Romulus Recreation Department adequate time to compile a list of sale sites and promote the event through flyers and local newspapers, permit applications must be filled out at the Recreation building (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) no later than Friday, May 15. Permits (and advertisement flyers) may be picked up at the Recreation office on the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday before the sale begins.

For more information, call the Recreation office: 942-6852. □

Letter to the Editor

Police Urge Prom, Graduation Safety

To Our Community:

The prom and graduation season is a time of celebration for many young people and their families. Unfortunately, it is also a time of tragedy for those who have to face the consequences of under-aged drinking or drinking and driving, as well as other repercussions far beyond the obvious.

During last year's prom/graduation season, a large number of young people lost their lives to alcohol-related incidents. The Romulus Police Department has been working hard to alert people to the dangers associated with alcohol and drug use by delivering a "Safe and Sober" and "Zero Tolerance" message to our community.

You, too, can help save lives at this high-risk time of year by maintaining a

cautious attitude in renting hotel rooms and in purchasing drugs or alcohol for students who are under 21 years of age. Store owners, too, should be on the alert for under-aged students attempting to purchase alcohol. The issue involves not only the consequences of injury and death on the highway, but also of injury and death from alcohol poisoning, binge drinking, and dangerous behavior, as well as damage to property and injury to other persons.

The Romulus Police Department will appreciate the public's assistance in making this prom and graduation season safe and a true celebration without incident.

Sincerely,
Charles Kirby,
Romulus Chief of Police □

Guest Commentary

Hertel Urges Action on MCCA Bills

By Curtis Hertel, Speaker of the House

If you own a car that is insured in Michigan, you most certainly are aware of the voluntary decision by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) to refund or rebate \$180 per vehicle to you. My Democratic colleagues and I were extremely pleased with this decision, as we had made the refund our top priority this year.

While the refund debate generated a tremendous amount of publicity, it is not the only MCCA-related issue in which House Democrats are interested. Last year, the House passed four bills which would significantly reform the manner in which the MCCA operates. Here is a brief summary of each.

HB 4993: This bill would require that the MCCA Board membership be expanded from its current five members, who represent insurance companies, to nine members, with the additional four members representing the general public. The new members, who would be appointed by the insurance commissioner, would have expertise in an area directly related to the MCCA, such as medical cost analysis, which would be of benefit to the board.

HB 4994: This bill would require that the MCCA submit to a performance audit by the State auditor general beginning on March 1, 1999, and continuing every four years thereafter. The auditor would be charged with determining whether the MCCA is likely to be able to continue to meet its obligations,

and would report his or her findings to the Legislature.

HB 4995 and HB 4996: These bills would require the MCCA to comply with the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. Both of these acts will "let the sunshine in" on the MCCA's proceedings in that anyone, for any reason, can attend MCCA meetings, review minutes, check financial statements, etc. These "sunshine laws" have been applied to many areas which involve the spending of your money, and, because we all pay this "car tax" when we buy auto insurance, the MCCA should be included in their provisions.

Opponents of these bills will argue that the State has no authority to impose such requirements on the MCCA and its operations. However, I would counter in response that, because the Legislature created the MCCA, and because the assessment charged by the MCCA is a mandatory one, the MCCA should be subject to the same sorts of provisions which various other governmental entities that impose mandates upon us are. In other words, because you have to pay an assessment mandated by the State-created MCCA, you should have the right to know how the amount of that assessment, and the business surrounding it, are reached. It's really quite simple.

Clearly, these bills do not hold a candle to the public interest that can be

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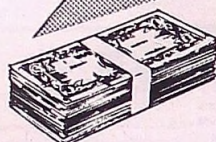
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Breakfast—the most important meal of the day—should be more than just a

quick bowl of cereal or a bagel. This weekend, when you don't have to rush off to work or run off to school, treat yourself and others to a morning of delicious delights with some quick, easy, and appetizing low-fat recipes like Peach and Strawberry Breakfast Parfait, Easy Oven Pancakes, and Breakfast Pie.

Relax and enjoy!



Peach & Strawberry Breakfast Parfait

(makes 1 serving)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup plain nonfat yogurt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup strawberries, cut into halves
(reserve 1 strawberry for garnish)
1 teaspoon pourable all-fruit strawberry syrup
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped peach
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon granulated sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon wheat germ

In small mixing bowl, combine first 3 ingredients.

In separate small mixing bowl, combine peach and sugar, stirring to coat.

Into 10-ounce parfait glass, spoon half of the strawberry mixture; top with peach mixture and remaining strawberry mixture.

Garnish with the reserved strawberry and sprinkle with wheat germ.

3 Points.

Per Serving: 161 Calories, 11 g. Protein, 1 g. Fat, 29 g. Carbohydrate, 352 mg. Calcium, 134 mg. Sodium, 3 mg. Cholesterol, 3 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: Weight Watchers: *Simply Light Cooking*

Easy Oven Pancakes

(makes 2 servings, 3 pancakes each)

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup plus 2 teaspoons buttermilk baking mix
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup plain low-fat yogurt
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons apricot or peach nectar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons grated orange peel
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon poppy seed

Preheat oven to 400° F. In a small mixing bowl, combine all ingredients, stirring until smooth.

Spray nonstick baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Using a heaping tablespoon of batter for each pancake, drop batter onto baking sheet, making six pancakes and leaving a space of about 1 inch between each. Bake for 10 minutes, or until pancakes are browned on bottom; using pancake turner, turn pancake over and cook until other sides are browned, about 2 minutes.

0 Points.

Per Serving: 121 Calories, 3 g. Protein, 3 g. Fat, 19 g. Carbohydrate, 96 mg. Calcium, 283 mg. Sodium, 2 mg. Cholesterol, 14 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: Weight Watchers: *Simply Light Cooking*

Breakfast Pie

(makes 8 servings)

1 refrigerated 9-inch pie crust
6 ounces shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
4 ounces cooked crumbled turkey sausage
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped mushrooms
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped green bell pepper
4 large eggs
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup low-fat (2%) milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
Dash freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 425° F. Prick crust several times with fork; line with aluminum foil and fill with dry beans or pie weights. Bake until lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. Place crust on rack to cool completely. Reduce oven heat to 375° F.

Place half the cheese in baked pie shell; top evenly with sausage, mushrooms, onion, and green pepper. Sprinkle evenly with remaining cheese.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk, salt, and pepper; pour over filled pie crust. Bake 45 minutes, until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

4 Points.

Per Serving: 213 Calories, 13 g. Protein, 9 g. Fat, 20 g. Carbohydrate, 239 mg. Calcium, 525 mg. Sodium, 22 mg. Cholesterol, 1 g. Dietary Fiber.

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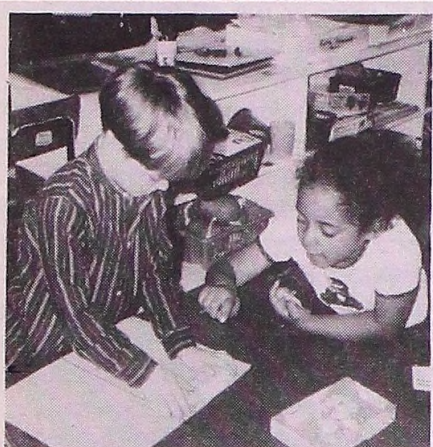
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Romulus Kindergartners Learn To Work Cooperatively



Ashton Vardy and Desiree Elkins enjoy creating a pattern together.

Kindergarten students at Halecreek Elementary School are working together to solve problems, share ideas, and learn from each other, according to teacher Cathy Kudra.

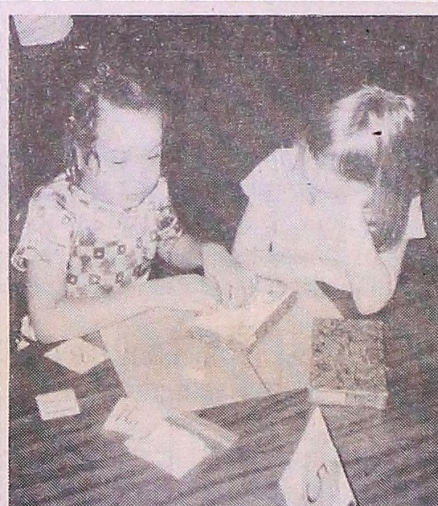
"The ability to work cooperatively is an important skill for children to develop as they prepare to be contributing members of the community in which they one day will live," Kudra explained.

In Romulus, children are introduced to cooperative learning activities right from the beginning of their educational careers. The skills for working, sharing, and discovering together are developed in elementary school and strengthened as the students progress through their middle- and high-school years.

An important goal in Romulus is to graduate students who know how to work efficiently with others. Cooperative learning activities help develop this skill.



John Lewis and William Burton work together to strengthen their math skills.



Rakia Womble and Haley Davis work together to match sets to numbers.

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generated by the prospect of an insurance company giving money back to its policyholders. However, they are really very important in the total picture of Michigan's no-fault auto insurance system. I believe that if such provisions were in place right now, the likelihood of the MCCA's surplus accelerating to the level that it is now at would have been diminished considerably.

I urge the Financial Services Committee of the Senate to act on these bills immediately. They will open the MCCA process to the public, which has a right to see how its money is being spent. □

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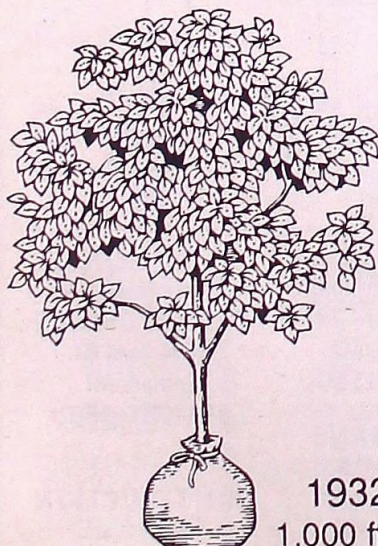
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Students at Merriman Are an Animal's Best Friend



Merriman teachers Ginny Smith and Greta Britton (back left) and their students presented their donations for the Romulus Animal Shelter to Officers Kim Matthews and Al Ostrowski (back right).

For the second year in a row, students at Merriman Elementary School have provided much-needed animal supplies to the Romulus Animal Shelter. Donations included food, toys, equipment, and money.

Sixth-grade student Misty Pitel donated a 50-pound bag of dog food, while second-grade students from teacher Greta Britton's class collected more than \$60 for donation to the Animal Shelter.

In a contest to see which class could collect the most items and money, teacher Ginny Smith's first-graders took first place.

Merriman Parent Coordinator Dawn Smith was very pleased with the drive's success.

"Activities like this give our students an opportunity to share what they have with others," she explained. "The animal shelter is sort of an adopted organization that Merriman feels close to. We are happy to help."

Romulus Officer Kim Matthews accepted the donations on behalf of the Animal Shelter.

"We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the fine efforts of the Merriman students, staff, and parents," she stated. □

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Sincerely,
 William M. Bower
 Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations
 Romulus Community Schools

Barth Mom Says Volunteering Is Both Fun and Fulfilling

Ask parent volunteer Jane Hammond what she likes best about Barth Elementary School, and she will give you a litany of answers that range from the dedicated staff to the exceptional programs that the school offers. But nothing gives her more satisfaction than the two days a week when she volunteers her time and talent at the school.

"I can't describe what fun it is to help out," she stated. "The children and teachers are just great, and my son really appreciates the time I put in at his school."

Hammond has joined a number of other parents who volunteer their time at the school. Parents read to students, listen to students read, correct papers, run copies, and do other tasks to help the teachers. Volunteers can choose to work either in the school or at home during their spare time.

Besides her son, Adam, who is in the second grade, Hammond also has a four-year-old daughter, Holly, who frequently accompanies Hammond to school and feels very comfortable in the classroom environment.

"I believe that Holly will have an easier time adjusting to kindergarten because of her involvement in school



Jane Hammond and daughter Holly at Barth Elementary.

now," said Hammond.

Barth Principal Jeffrey Royal believes that a school is as strong as the parents who support it.

"Our parent volunteer program is growing, but we still could use twice as many volunteers as we now have," Royal said. "They are truly the backbone of our school's success." □

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High School Students Fight Against Domestic Violence

A group of students at Romulus High School are investigating the topic of domestic violence as part of their participation in the High School's upcoming symposium on humanitarianism. Tomeka Boles, Wanake Burke, Shannon Heraut, Ebony Thompson, and Sarah Weinschenk have been through 10 hours of training to become certified crisis hot-line counselors, and are working with "Patricia," a woman who is opening up a new shelter in our area to help combat the problem in Romulus.

"What I've learned is immeasurable," said Thompson. "I was surprised at how domestic violence is so severe in Michigan in particular. Every week, eight Michigan women are victims of domestic violence."

Burke also found the training an eye-opening experience: "I became more aware of domestic violence because of the facts and statistics I've learned. I found out that, every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten. I also discovered that men are abused just as much as women, but, because of pride, embarrassment, or whatever reason, it's rarely reported."

People need to remember that violence against *anyone* is terrible, accord-

ing to Boles. "Violence is violence, regardless of who the victims are - male or female," she explained. "I also learned that abuse comes in many forms: mental, sexual, verbal, and physical."

Heraut stated that many people don't know how to deal with victims of abuse: "Survivors of domestic violence don't need pity, they need understanding and empathy."

It is because of such widespread misunderstanding that Weinschenk and her fellow students are anxious to put their training into practice. "As a group, we've learned the reasons why people feel trapped in violent situations, and how we can help them," she stated.

Currently, the group is working on volunteering at the shelter and helping to teach others that love doesn't hurt.

"The only way to overcome domestic violence is to stop the cycle of passing violence down through generations," Thompson explained. "We are the future, so it's up to us to help create a nonviolent atmosphere, starting in the home."

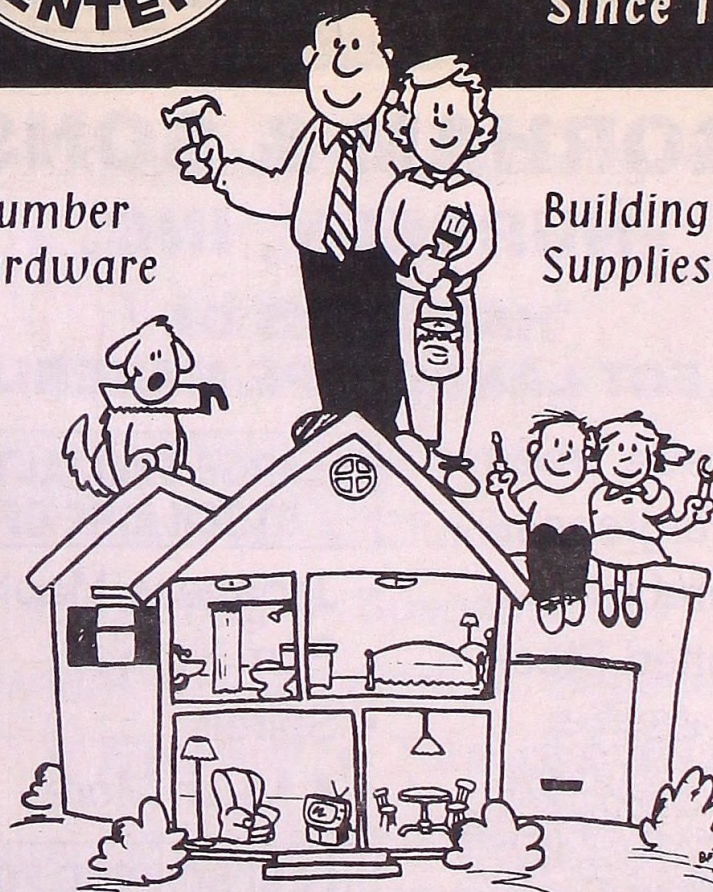
Thompson concluded by urging victims of domestic violence to help themselves and stop the cycle by calling 699-6908, a crisis hot-line for victims. □



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Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club Sponsors Reading at Cory



Reverend Virgil Humes, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, was one of several Optimist Club members who read to Cory students.

Members of the Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club, various community leaders, and Romulus school employees volunteered their time to be guest read-

ers at Cory Elementary School during "National Reading Month" in March. The month-long event was another service project sponsored by the Optimist Club.

Books read to the children were selected by Alberta Garrett, Romulus High School Media Specialist, and members of the Optimist Club. Optimists Mae Jackson and Opal McClendon served as coordinators for the program, working with the school's staff, recruiting, and scheduling readers.

Readers were enthusiastically received by Cory's students and staff. Each child was presented with a "READ" bookmark and treats as a part of the program.

Cory students and staff would like to extend a special thank you to the following readers: Betty Lenossi, Eva Webb, Nancy Smukal, Officer John Smagner, Stacy Adams, Phyllis Wilkerson, Tom Dolan, and Optimist Club members Rosalie Berlinn, Reverend Virgil Humes, Alberta Garrett, Vivian Holifield, and Al Wilkerson. □

Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made the honor roll during the third marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

Halecreek Elementary

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received special recognition for earning "high honors.")

Ms. Azzopardi's Class

Elizabeth Berry, Novella Haugabook, Aaron King, Vicky Lucaj, Michael Mancine, Gary Napier, Cassie Tolstyka, Marissa Wilson, and Ryan Zaker.

Mrs. Coleman's Class

Natalee Adams, Aamer Ahmad, *Tanya Formosa, *Ashley Gschwender, *Jerad Kiser, Jessica Kubicki, Ashley Much, LaJoya Orr, Chris Speer, Ricky Staten, and DeRonda Williams.

Ms. Garrity's Class

Darnell Abney, *Donald Brewer, Jeff Conradson, Ashley Glenn, David Nawrocki, Christopher Reeves, Rebecca Smith, Anastasia Strother, and LaShonda Windham.

Mr. Miller's Class

Elliot Craig, Carol Deaton, Sarah Gentry, Stephanie Gurner, Amanda Hall, Muneer Khan, Kevin Kucharski, Timothy Lewis, Joey Saad, Alicia Sims, Joann Tieppo, Miah Wade, and Kevin Zajac.

Mrs. Slater's Class

*Ashley Allen, Melissa Grace, Courtney Hardesty, Mallori Losacco, Amanda McCann, Jeremy McNulty, *Leah Moore, Amanda O'Connor, and Savanna Watts.

St. Aloysius Catholic

Kindergarten

(Perfect attendance: LaJill Jones, Kelly Kovacs, and Brianna Shreve.)

First Grade

Tessa Tabor.

Second Grade

Rachel Jasso, Marissa Kurtzhals, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Bret Saka, Joseph Sanchez, and Fred Sirhan. (Perfect attendance: Brittany Kaifesh, Rachel Jasso, and Rebecca Lewkowicz.)

Third Grade

Dean Kovacs, Jeffrey Krasuski, Shelby Porter, and Melissa Wilhide. (Perfect attendance: Nicholas Gregg.)

Fourth Grade

Lesley Roumayah and Angela Sovinski. (Perfect attendance: Lindsay Coughlin, Stacey Shreve, and Angela Sovinski.)

Fifth Grade

LaRiché Jones and Johanna Sovinski. (Perfect attendance: LaRiché Jones and Ashley Pawlowski.)

Sixth Grade

April Kovacs, Jaclyn Krasuski, Sarah Lindroth, and Amanda Wiater. (Perfect attendance: April Kovacs, Jaclyn Krasuski, Heather Schick, and Amanda Wiater.)

Seventh Grade

Pamela Confer and Kaitlin Sovinski.

Eighth Grade

Kara Coughlin, Matthew Denstedt, Matthew Maxey, and Ashley Porter. (Perfect attendance: Matthew Maxey.) □

Community Calendar

- **Eighth Pastoral Anniversary Celebration** – Members, friends, and visitors to the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (located at 5403 South Wayne Road, Wayne) are invited to attend the Church's eighth annual Pastoral Anniversary Celebration in honor of Reverend Virgil Humes and his family. The all-day event – with its theme of "God's Undershepherd Expanding the Base: Growing the Church Inside Out" – is set for Sunday, April 26. Guest speakers will include Reverend Otis Carter of Springhill Baptist Church, Inkster (7:45 a.m.); Reverend, Dr. Richard Smith of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Detroit (10:45 a.m.); and Reverend, Dr. Odell Jones of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Detroit (3 p.m.). Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus–Notre Dame Hall (31500 Van Born Road, Wayne). For more information, call the Church: 728-2180.
- **Board of Education To Meet at Wick Elementary School** – In its continuing effort to be more accessible to input from all Romulus neighborhoods by visiting the various District schools, the Romulus Board of Education will conduct one of its regular meetings (set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27) at Wick Elementary School. For more information, call the Board Office (941-1600) or Wick (326-4610).
- **Herb Conference** – The In-Balance Center's 11th annual Herb Conference will be held at the Romulus Marriott (30559 Flynn Drive) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jack Ritchason, who will discuss herbs and their uses in natural health. The \$35 ticket cost (nonrefundable) covers admission to the conference and a vegetarian lunch. Those who plan to attend must RSVP by April 17. For more information, call 734-941-8778.
- **City Sponsors Free Dumping** – The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (located at 34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping (no more than two loads per day) on the following dates: Saturday, May 30, and Saturday, June 6, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday through Friday, June 1–5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Materials such as concrete, dirt, yard waste, liquid waste (petroleum products, paint, etc.), and large items (boats, sheds, cars/engines, etc.) won't be accepted; a maximum of four tires will be accepted (must be dumped separate from other debris); and all users must show proof of residency. Dumping area is entered "at your own risk." Children are not allowed in the dumpster area; unsupervised children are not allowed on the premises. For information, call the DPW at 942-7579.
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Seeks Entertainers, Crafters, Vendors** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: May 21). Currently, the Committee is seeking entertainers/performers interested in volunteering their talents, as well as crafters and food vendors who would like to participate. For more information, or for a crafter or vendor application, please call Maria Lambert (942-7543) before 6 p.m., or Susan Watts (941-0476) before 8 p.m. Entertainers/performers may call Ellen Bragg (942-9207) between 3 and 8 p.m.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, or to apply, call 728-7815.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Pursuant to Section 11118(9) of Part III, Hazardous Waste Management of Michigan's Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA451, as amended (Act 451), notice is hereby given that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) will submit a Construction Permit Application for a Hazardous Waste Facility to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

EDS proposes to construct a Liquid Hazardous Waste Storage, Filtering, and Disposal Facility. This facility will dispose of liquids in two deep injection wells, for which a Construction Permit Application has been filed under P.A. 315. The facility will be located on a site on Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan as shown on the map provided in this notice. The site is located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of section 12, T3S-R9E. First, the application will be reviewed to determine whether or not it is administratively complete. The process takes approximately thirty (30) days. If the application is incomplete, the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list will be notified and the missing information will be required in writing from EDS. When the missing information is provided by EDS and the application is determined to be complete, the MDEQ will immediately notify the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list, and proceed with a technical review of the application. Within 120 days of receipt of a complete application, the Director of the MDEQ will either refer the application to the Site Review Board or notify EDS and the public of its intention to deny the application. The denial process includes a public participation period.

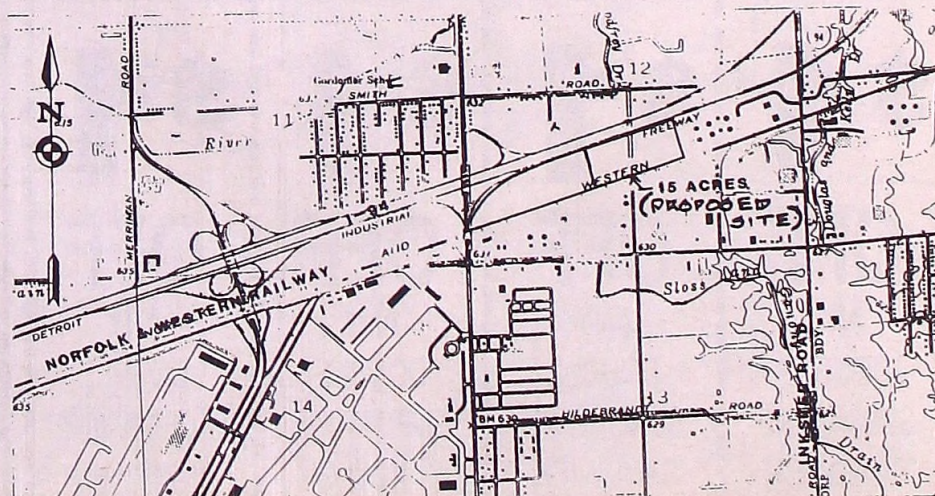
Upon the Director's referral, a Site Review Board is established pursuant to Section 11117 of Act 451 to review the potential impact that the proposed facility will have on the local community. The Board will have 180 days to recommend that the Director either approve or reject the construction permit application. All persons on the facility mailing list will be notified of meetings. Once the Board makes its recommendations, the Director of the Department will appropriately issue or deny the construction permit.

After the application is submitted, it will be available for review at the Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Management Division Office, on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Office Building located at the northwest corner of Pine and Allegan Streets in Lansing, Michigan and at the Southern Michigan Field Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan.

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 Waste Management Division
 P.O. Box 30241
 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Questions regarding the proposed facility should be addressed to Austin Marshall, Vice President of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, Michigan 48174 (phone number 734-955-2100) or to Mr. Kenneth Burda, Chief of the Waste Permit Section of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (phone number 517-373-0530). Interested persons must write to the address above to be placed on the facility mailing list.

This notice has been placed by EDS pursuant to Section 11118(9) of Act 451.



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Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

Adult Summer Softball

Although the Romulus Recreation Department plans to accept team registrations for its adult summer softball league as late as Friday, April 24, earlier sign-up is strongly recommended.

Mon./Wed. Men's White Division*

- 8 teams / 21 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$575

Mon./Wed. Women's White Division*

- 8 teams / 14 games / 1 umpire
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$375

Fri. Men's Red Division (Field A)*

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00
- cost: \$475

Fri. Men's Blue Division (Field B)*

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:25, 8:35, 9:45
- cost: \$475

Sun. Men's White Division*

- doubleheader format
- 10 teams / 18 games / 2 umpires
- times: 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50
- cost: \$500

*League Classification breakdown: Red = B & C; White = C & D; Blue = D & below.

Clogging Classes

The Recreation Department's spring clogging classes, which are set to begin on April 20, will be held at the Recreation building each Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. (beginner) and 7 to 8 p.m. (intermediate). Cost for the 10-week session is \$20. Advance registration (at the Recreation office) is required.

Spring Soccer

The Romulus Recreation Department's spring soccer program will begin right after spring break. Those who participated last fall may reregister at the Recreation office at no additional cost; all others must pay \$10. Play will begin at the elementary schools on April 18, and continue each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (If there are not enough children from grades three through six, teams will be formed by combining schools.) For more information, contact the Recreation Department: 942-6852.

Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt

Approximately 350 children ages one to eight participated in the Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt, held at Elmer Johnson Park on April 11. Of the 3,000 eggs spread throughout the park, 24 were special treasures that earned their finders a basket full of delicious candy and prizes. A visit from the Easter Bunny made the day egg-s-tra special.

The City of Romulus would like to thank the following volunteers for making the Easter Egg Hunt a success: Jerry Kittle, Paul Lewkowicz, and Amber Long (Romulus Recreation Commission members); and Kim Daniels, Jennifer Hoffman, James Monet, Jeremy Monet, and Heather Wright (students from Kathy Hurst's Project SERVE class at Romulus High School). □

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Just a few of the 350 youngsters who came out to Elmer Johnson Park on April 11 to enjoy the Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For more information, please call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852.

"Bingo" Transportation Offered

The Romulus Progressive Hall, in cooperation with the City of Romulus, will continue to offer affordable (\$1.50 per evening) transportation service to any Romulus senior who wishes to attend the club's weekly bingo games, held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call either John Hadyniak (941-8968) or Bob Presler (941-2959) after 5 p.m.

"Legacy of Love"

The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to attend a special seminar at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 27, to learn about an upcoming "special project" that will allow participants to leave a lasting legacy for their loved ones.

The project – a deluxe "memories" album – will show you how to turn your remembrances, photos, and mementos into a precious treasure.

Space will be limited, so advance sign up (at the Center) is requested.

Crime Watch: Scam Artists

Sandy Bell will be joining Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, to talk to seniors about con artists who are running telemarketing scams to victimize senior citizens. Be sure to stop by and learn more about how you can protect yourself.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van on Friday, April 24, for French Town shopping in Monroe. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to either the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (Thu., May 14; \$20)
- **Kewadin Casino** (Tue.-Wed., Jun. 23-24; \$89)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (Wed., Jul. 22; \$20)
- **Niagara Falls/"Phantom of the Opera" (Toronto)** (Sun.-Mon., July 26-27; \$299)
- **"Phantom of the Opera" (Marshall)** (Wed., Aug. 26; \$53)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (Wed., Sep. 30; \$20)
- **Appalachian Adventure** (Tue.-Fri., Oct. 6-9; \$403)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (Wed., Nov. 4; \$20)
- **Branson, Missouri** (Mon.-Sat., Nov. 16-21; \$645).

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

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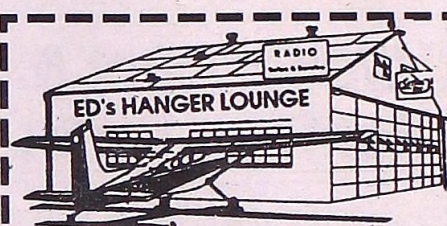
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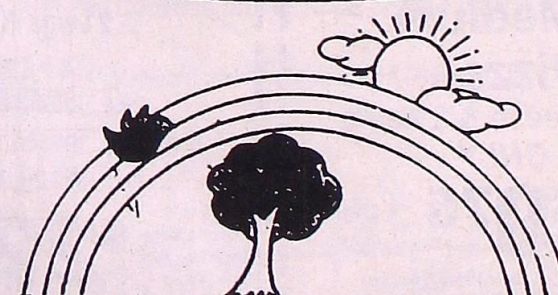
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

Obituaries

Teresa A. "Toni" (Messer) Arquette

Teresa A. "Toni" (Messer) Arquette of Lake, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, MI), died on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. She was 38 years old.

Toni — a native of Alexandria, Virginia — was born on September 5, 1959. She and her husband, George H. Arquette, were married in Romulus, Michigan, on June 24, 1978.

Surviving Toni are her husband; her son, George H. Arquette, Jr. (Whitmore Lake, MI); her mother, Barbara A. Mes-

ser (Romulus, MI); and her sister, Mrs. Hoye (Marianne) Jones (Romulus, MI). She was predeceased by her father.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Tim Harper (Dearborn Church of God, Dearborn, MI) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

John Hudick

John Hudick of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 2, 1998, at the age of 76.

John — a retiree — was born in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1921.

He is survived by his wife, Alice M. Hudick; a son, John W. Hudick (Taylor, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Angelo (Barbara) Pinetta (Rochester, MI) and Ms. Janice M. Overmyer (Romulus, MI); two sisters, Mrs. Margie Montgomery (Taylor, MI) and Mrs. Ray (Rose) Nelson (Romulus, MI); four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 6, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Brent Smith (Free Methodist Church, Taylor, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Parkview Memorial Park (Livonia, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Henry Ford Village Hospice. □

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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